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P R 142012Z JAN 77
FM AMEMBASSY QUITO
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 2887
INFO AMEMBASSY BRASILIA
AMCONSUL RIO DE JANEIRO

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E.O. 11652: NA
TAGS: CASC (MISSING USCITS)
SUBJECT: MISSING USCITS

REF: STATE 6668

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1. PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR OF AZUAY IS TEODORO JERVES-NUNEZ. NOTE THAT BANOS IS IN PROVINCE OF TUNGURAHUA, NOT AZUAY. PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR OF TUNGURAHUA IS DR. MANUEL DEL CARMEN PACHANO. CUENCA, LOCUS OF YODER/HERSCHBERGER DISAPPEARANCE IS IN AZUAY PROVINCE.

2. TEXT OF RICHARDSON LETTER BEING SENT TO BRASILIA SEPTEL. ON DEC 31, 1976, QUITO REQUESTED AMEMBASSY LA PAZ TO FORWARD ALL CROUCH MAIL TO BRITISH CONSULATE RIO DE JANEIRO, THUS BELIEVE THAT LATTER MAY ALREADY BE IN BRAZIL.

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3. BY US OR WEST EUROPEAN STANDARDS, GOE' CAPACITY TO FIND
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ANY MISSING PERSON (USCIT, OTHER FOREIGNER, OR EVEN ECUADOREAN NATIONAL) IS LOW. LACK OF OFFICIAL FUNDS, COMMUNICATIONS, EQUIPMENT, VEHICLES AND FINALLY, A LACK OF PROFESSIONALISM, ESPECIALLY OUTSIDE QUITO AND GUAYAQUIL, HAMPER ANY EFFORTS TO FIND MISSION PERSONS. A COMMON PRACTICE IN MISSING PERSONS CASES IN ECUADOR, PARTICULARLY IN CASES WHERE THE FAMILIES ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE MONEY,

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IS FOR THE POLICE TO SOLICIT FUNDS FROM THE FAMILIES TO
COVER THE EXPENSES OF SEARCH. THE FIRST RESPONSE OF THE
POLICE IN THE YODER/HERSCHBERGER CASE WAS SLOW UNTIL THE
EMBASSY APPLIED PRESSURE AND MADE IT CLEAR THAT NO FUNDS
FOR THE SEARCH WOULD BE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE EMBASSY.
BECAUSE OF THIS EXPRESSION OF CONCERN, THE POLICE TURNED
TO ON THAT CASE AND THE INVESTIGATION IN THE BISSELL CASE
WAS STARTED IMMEDIATELY. BY LOCAL STANDARDS, THE POLICE
EFFORTS ON THESE CASES HAVE BEEN GREATER AND MORE THOROUGH THAN
IN NORMAL MISSING PERSONS CASES. ECUADOREAN OFFICIALS,
INCLUDING THE SECRETARY GENERAL FOR ADMINISTRATION (A
MINISTERIAL LEVEL POST) AND THE COMMANDER OF THE NATIONAL
POLICE HAVE BEEN MADE WELL AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE THAT
THE EMBASSY ATTACHES TO THE FINDING OF THE MISSING USCITS,
AND THE EMBASSY IS HOPEFUL THAT THE GOE WILL CONTINUE TO
GIVE HIGH PRIORITY TO MISSING USCIT CASES. AS A FINAL
COMMENT, EFFORTS TO LOCATE BISSELL, YODER AND HERSCHBERGER
ARE COMPLICATED BY THE REMOTE LOCATIONS OF THEIR DIS-
APPEARANCES AND THE RUGGEDNESS OF THE SURROUNDING
TERRAIN, WHICH TAX THE LIMITED CAPACITY OF THE ECUADOREAN
POLICE.

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